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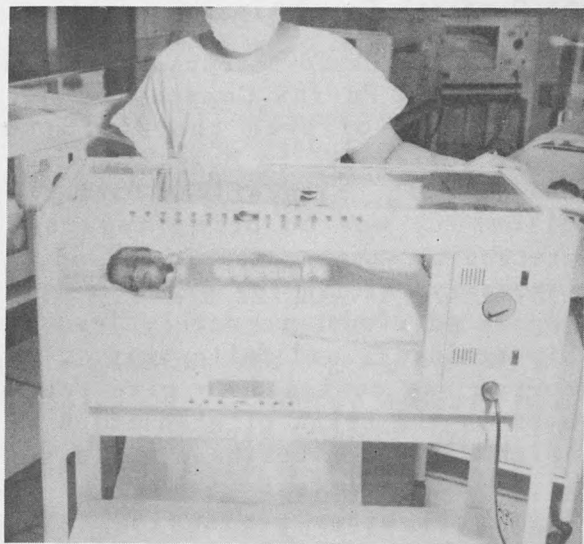
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THE PREMIE NURSERY - A VERITABLE LILLIPUT ON 500, MATERNITY!

An unfamiliar place to most members of the Barnes Group is the Premature Nursery, located on the fifth floor of Maternity Hospital. Instituted in March, 1944, the Premie Nursery outgrew its original quarters several times, until, in September of 1949, it was moved to its present location which boasts a capacity for eleven incubators and eight cribs. With a yearly average of about three hundred babies, it is easy to understand why the move to larger quarters was necessary.

Premature babies, or "premies" as they are commonly called, are those which weigh less than five and one-half pounds at birth. A baby known as "Little Joe" set the all-time record in the Premie Nursery, tipping the scales at a mere one pound, eleven ounces when he was born. Leaving the hospital at the age of eighty-three days, Little Joe was a strapping five pounds, twelve



Sleeping contentedly in his incubator, this three pound, four ounce "premie" lives in a glassed-in world all his own.

ounces!

Many people have the erroneous impression that premature babies must be kept in a hot temperature. It is more important, however, that the

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DANFORTH GIRLS TO VISIT BARNES

On Tuesday, July 25, forty-eight girls will spend the day at Barnes Hospital as a part of their two-week stay in St. Louis as the guests of the Danforth Foundation.

In 1936, the Danforth Foundation and the Ralston Purina Company of St. Louis first offered the Danforth Summer Fellowship to Home Economics seniors. The plan of the Danforth Fellowship was to bring together outstanding young women from leading state universities for a four-weeks' program of study, research, leadership training, and fellowship. The program was designed to give young women on the brink of graduation an insight into the business world and help them to adjust themselves to their jobs after graduation. The four-week program includes a two-week camp experience in addition to the time spent in St. Louis.

Since 1936, the Fellowship has become widely recognized internationally. MR. WILLIAM H. DANFORTH, Chairman of the Board and Founder of the Ralston Purina Company and President and Founder of the Danforth Foundation, is tremendously inter-

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DR. COWDRY TO HEAD GROUP STUDYING
PREMATURE AGING

DR. EDMUND V. COWDRY, Research Professor of Anatomy at the Washington University Medical School, has been chosen president-elect at the first International Conference on Gerontology at Liege, Belgium. He is to plan the next international meeting in St. Louis, probably in 1951.

Gerontology is the study of the phenomena of age. Delegates from fifteen nations are seeking a means to prevent premature aging.

Dr. Cowdry is one of the United States' leading authorities on cancer. He is the U.S. representative on the International Cancer Research Commission, and for ten years was Director of Research at Barnard Free Skin and Cancer Hospital. He served as head of the Anatomy Department at the Washington University Medical School for nine years. As of July 1, however, his new title of Research Professor of Anatomy in the medical school became effective.

LUNCHEON FOR RESIDENTS, ADMINISTRATION, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

At a very delicious luncheon given June 30 on the ninth floor of the Rand-Johnson Building, the new residents had an opportunity to become acquainted with members of the hospital administration and those department heads with whom they will have clinical contact during the coming year.

Incoming residents who attended included:

DRS. WILLIAM PERRY, Ward Medicine;
B. TODD FORSYTH, Private Medicine;

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DR. E. A. GRAHAM RECEIVES AWARD

DR. EVARTS A. GRAHAM, Surgeon-in-Chief at Barnes Hospital and the St. Louis Children's Hospital, and Professor of Surgery at the Washington University Medical School, has been chosen by the American Medical Association to receive its Distinguished Service Award for 1950. This award is just one of many that Dr. Graham, often called the dean of U.S. surgery, has received during his illustrious career.

He is probably best known for the first successful removal of an entire lung in 1933. Other notable Graham feats include:

The development of the first method of making the gall bladder visible to the X-Ray machine, thus enabling the detection and diagnosis of gall bladder diseases to be made.

The first attempted operations on heart valves.

The first successful removal of almost all of a human pancreas.

DR. BRADLEY ATTENDS LOS ANGELES MEETING

DR. F. R. BRADLEY attended a joint meeting of the Los Angeles County Medical Association and its General Practice Section on June 21, in Los Angeles, California, at the Ambassador Hotel. Dr. Bradley, who represented the American Hospital Association, spoke on "The Status of the General Practitioner."

Other speakers at the meeting included representatives of the Council on Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association, the American College of Surgeons, and the American Academy of General Practitioners.

MISSOURI COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CARE OF THE PATIENT MEETS AT BARNES

On July 8, the organizational meeting of the Missouri Joint Committee for the Improvement of the Care of the Patient was held at Barnes Hospital.

DR. F. R. BRADLEY, Director of the Barnes Group, was the first chairman of the national Joint Commission for the Improvement of the Care of the Patient, which recommended that state and local divisions be set up. Dr. Bradley has been elected temporary chairman of the Joint Committee in Missouri, and will preside throughout the organizational phase.

The three organizations which have representation on the Committee, the Hospital Association, the Medical Association, and the Nurses Association, were represented at this meeting by the following persons:

DR. F. R. BRADLEY, Director, Barnes Hospital, St. Louis; MR. HORACE L. BURGIN, Director, Burge Hospital, Springfield, Missouri; SISTER ANDREA, Director, DePaul Hospital, St. Louis; MRS. IRENE MC CABE, Executive Secretary, Missouri State Hospital Association; DR. WILLIAM A. BLOOM, President, Missouri State Medical Association; MR. RAYMOND MC INTYRE, Field Secretary, Missouri State Medical Association; MISS CATHERINE GEUSS, R.N., Educational Director of the Missouri State Board of Nurse Examiners; SISTER HILDA MUENSTERMAN, R.N., Deaconess Hospital, Vice President of the Missouri State Nurses Association, representing MISS FLORENCE M. CLARK, R.N., President of the Missouri State Nurses Association.



KNOW YOUR STAFF

This month's "Know Your Staff" personality is MRS. VIOLA CHENEY, who, on July 1, became director of all the Medical Record Libraries in the Barnes Group.

A vivacious brunette, Mrs. Cheney is a native of Webster Groves, Missouri, where she still makes her home. She attended Randolph-Macon College in Lynchburg, Virginia, receiving her A.B. degree in Philosophy, and the University of Missouri where she received a B.S. degree in Education. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

It was a number of years after she completed her courses at the university, that she became interested in medical records as a career. She had taught for some time in the Normandy school system and other schools about St. Louis, and had worked in a private employment agency, before accepting a position as secretary in a private doctor's office.

This last job was to lead her eventually into her present career as a medical records librarian. Her boss was director of the Labor Health

Institute, and soon offered her a job as medical secretary there. The Institute was still in the process of getting started at that time, having an average of only about 16 patients per day. By 1947, however, it had grown until they were treating about 125 patients per day, and Mrs. Cheney realized that she had progressed about as far as she could there. Working on the development of a record department at the Institute had proved to be unusually interesting to her, and so she enrolled at St. Louis University on a part-time basis to study the science of medical records. This proved to be a particularly interesting experience for her, because she was able to apply the theory learned in school to her work at the Labor Health Institute.

In May, 1949, she passed the National Registration Examination and became a Registered Record Librarian. Mrs. Cheney came to Barnes in November, 1949, as Medical Records Librarian in the Washington University Clinics, and has recently been appointed Director of all Record Libraries in the Barnes Group.

Her ten year old daughter, "Carby," and her home are her primary interests outside her work. She likes swimming and horse-back riding, and can almost always be found with a pair of knitting needles in her hands. Collecting antiques is another of her special hobbies.

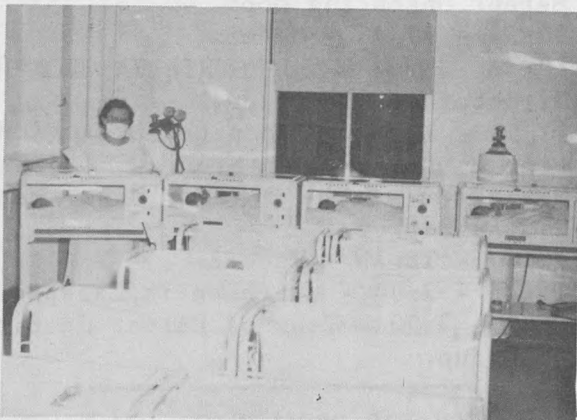
Mrs. Cheney feels that the major function of record libraries in hospitals should be to serve as "service institutions" to both doctors and personnel. That there is a growing realization of the importance of medical record departments

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temperature remain constant, and in the incubators a temperature of eighty-eight degrees and a humidity of forty per cent is easily maintained. The nursery itself is always kept at seventy-eight degrees. Premature babies almost always require oxygen until their respiratory centers are established. This, too, is supplied by the incubators which act as oxygen tents.



Presided over by MARGARET WEBER, the Premie Nursery has a capacity for nineteen babies.

All premies do not go into incubators, however, but merely stay in the nursery where they can receive specialized attention. After some length of time, babies who have started out in incubators get along much better outside the incubators. They then acquire the status of "graduates" and live in the regular cribs in the Premie Nursery for the remainder of their stay.

Constant vigil must be maintained at all times to keep the spark of life going in some of the tiny bodies. According to ANN CAMPBELL, Superintendent of Nurses in Maternity Hospital, the "will to live" is just as

important in infants as it is in adults. This, coupled with the excellent nursing care rendered in the Premie Nursery, is an almost unbeatable combination. The "will to live" was excellently demonstrated by one baby who was said to have had "nine lives," because nine times he rallied successfully after receiving stimulants and artificial respiration. "Don't give up - it's happened before," read the card attached to his incubator!

"A born baby nurse," is what Miss Campbell terms MARGARET WEBER, Head Nurse in the Premie Nursery. Miss Weber takes a personal interest in each of her diminutive charges, not only during their stay in the nursery, but throughout their lives as well. Everyone who works with the little premies feels that it is a particularly satisfying type of work, and one of the greatest rewards is seeing former charges grow up into healthy, normal children.

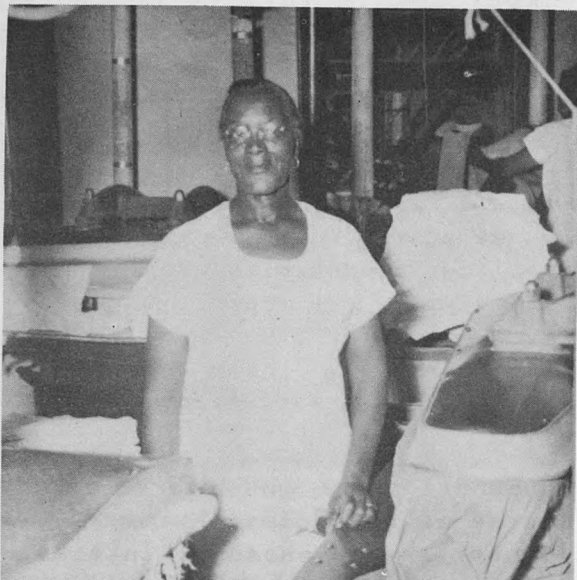
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is evidenced, she feels, by the fact that some record librarian students from St. Louis University and Homer Phillips Hospital will start working here in the fall on a part-time basis and will receive some credit for their work here. We will probably all be seeing a lot of Mrs. Cheney as she takes over her new duties, and she has our best wishes for success in her new undertaking.

She: "My father says a girl shouldn't kiss before twenty."

He: "Well, personally, I don't like a large audience, either."



OLD TIMERS

MARY LASTER's record of 26 years as a member of the Barnes Group, makes her one of our oldest employees in length of service. Coming here on April 11, 1924, from Memphis, Tennessee, where she was born and raised, Mary started to work in the Laundry, and now, over a quarter of a century later, is still operating a press up on the second floor of the Laundry building, and managing to look younger and more chipper every day.

Mary is a widow, and has no children. She does have a sister living up here, and they both look forward to the visits paid them regularly by a brother still living in Tennessee. She claims she has no time for a hobby.

Mary's fine record was recognized recently, when she and several other employees received certificates of award for loyal and faithful service for 25 years or more. Congratulations to Mary for an enviable record of which anyone might well be proud!

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ested in the activities of this group and gives considerable time to helping build the program.

The schedule for the day the young women are to spend at Barnes is as follows:

- 7:55 - Assemble in 1200 Classroom.
- 8:00 - 8:30 - "The Barnes Hospital Group" - DR. F. R. BRADLEY, Director.
- 8:30 - 10:30 - View operation in Barnes Operating Room.
- 10:30 - 10:45 - Recess.
- 10:45 - Meet MISS HENRIETTA BECKER, Director of Dietetics.
- 10:50 - 12:00 - "Hospital Dietetics" - Tour and explanation of various divisions of the Dietary Department - Miss Becker.
- 12:00 - 12:15 - Recess.
- 12:15 - 1:00 - Luncheon in Cafeteria.
- 1:00 - 3:00 - Tour of Barnes Hospital Group.

LUNCHEON FOR RESIDENTS, ADMINISTRATION, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

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RICHARD LEMMER, Surgery; C. BARBER MUELLER, Surgery; MARGARET CARTER, Pathology; ARTHUR HASKINS, Obstetrics; CARL WOOLSEY, Gynecology; BITHEL WALL, GU Surgery; RICHARD YORE, Thoracic Surgery; M. R. BEHRE, Pediatrics; ARTHUR COLTRIN, Administration; EUGENE STANDLEY, Administration and Personnel Physician (Ophthalmology after January 1, 1951).

Other residents who were unable to be present included: DRS. A. J. STACY, Radiology; RICHARD SCHNEIDER, Neuropsychiatry; HERBERT ROSENBAUM, Otolaryngology; THOMAS HINCHEY,

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SOFTBALL NEWS

On June 15, Pathology, with the help of 9 men recruited from the sidelines, defeated Medicine by a score of 11-10. It was a seesaw battle all the way, with the lead changing hands in almost every inning. PANHORST, with a long double and a beautiful slide which carried in the tying run, was the star of the game for Pathology.

On June 29, Administration and Neurology fought to a 7th inning finish, with the boys from the front office finally emerging as winners by the score of 14-13. Administration got 17 hits and Neuro, 19.

Circuit clouters for Neuro included BISHOP, SCHNEIDER, and SIMPSON (2). For the Administration, WATSON and UNGERER had homers. Both teams had good support, with CHILTON hurling for Administration and SIMS doing the tossing for Neuro.

A single by Administration's JENKINS, in the bottom half of the 7th, scored UNGERER from first. Star of the game was JENKINS.

LINEUP - JUNE 29

Administration:		Neurology:	
Watson	2B	Bishop	1B
Krasner	C	Inukai	LF
Panhorst	1B	Barker	SS
Menendez	SCF-P	Evans	C-RF
Keppel	LF	Counts	P
Weissgerber	CF	Price	3B
Ivazes	3B	Dunnitt	CF
Ungerer	SS	Schneider	RF
Chilton	SCF-P	Sims	C-SCF
Jenkins	RF	Simpson	P-2B

On July 6, the Administration Team beat Medicine by a score of 9-7. The front office boys collected 11 hits off the Medicine hurler, HYATT. The Medics counted for 10 softies off MENENDEZ, star hurler for Admin-

istration.

In scoring 9 runs for Administration, WEISSGERBER drove in 3 runs and scored twice for a total of 5 runs, while UNGERER, PANHORST, And CHILTON accounted for all the other tallies.

LINEUP - JULY 6

Administration:		Medicine:	
Watson	CF	Forrester	LF
Krasner	C	Berg	2B
Panhorst	1B	Gieselmann	1B
Menendez	P	Berry	SS
Keppel	LF	Harrington	RF
Weissgerber	2B	Riskin	C
Ivazes	3B	Owen	SCF
Ungerer	SS	Ross	3B
Chilton	SCF	Bender	CF
Jenkins	RF	Hyatt	P

STANDING OF THE TEAMS:

1. Medicine
1. Administration
2. Neurology
3. Pathology

JOHNNY WEISSGERBER, *Sports Editor*

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Neurosurgery; ROBERT RAMSEY, Orthopedics; MORRIS MURPHY, Dentistry; GUS FURLA, Physical Medicine.

Members of the administration and department heads who attended the luncheon included: DR. BRADLEY, DR. VERMILLION, MRS. KNOWLES, MISS HUEY, MR. PANHORST, MISS SPALDING, MISS CAMPBELL, MISS LAMB, MR. BOLING, MRS. MUELLER, MRS. CHENEY, MISS LUTHI, MISS HARTNELL, MISS WASHBURN, MRS. MILAN, MRS. SPENCER, MISS CLAIBORNE, and MISS KNAPP. Unable to be present were: DR. DAMMIN, MISS BRADBURY, MRS. ROBERTS, and REVEREND BOWLES.

ON THE SCENE

Best wishes to JEANETTE CHAMBERLAIN who left our staff on July 1 to accept a position as Medical Records Librarian at the Vanderbilt University Hospital Nashville, Tennessee. --- CHARLOTTE TACHMAN, Secretary in Barnes Laboratory, has recently announced her engagement to PAUL LARSON, Junior Student at the Washington University School of Medicine. They plan to be married August 19, and will honeymoon in Minnesota.---

It was a great day for the Irish when FRANCES MAHONEY, I.B.M. Department, surprised everyone by eloping with LEO O'BRIEN. --- FLORENCE MUELLER, Head Pharmacist, attended the "Hospital Pharmacy Institute" held at Ann Arbor, Michigan the week of June 19 to 26. Main feature of the Institute were the lectures dealing with the latest developments in hospital pharmacy. --- Everyone is hoping HILDA RAE BLANTON, Barnes Fountain Girl, will have a speedy recovery from the illness which has had her hospitalized recently. --- Very best wishes to ESTELLE HOLLINS, Cleaning Maid, who became the bride of JOHN BOWMAN on July 6. --- All the gang in the Barnes Pharmacy was sorry to bid farewell to RAY SISSIN, Pharmacist, when he resigned to become Chief Pharmacist at the Frisco Hospital. --- CYNTHIA FRANK, Barnes Credit Office, reports a most enjoyable four-day trip to Kansas City to attend the golden wedding celebration of her grandparents. --- Another Barnes romance resulted in wedding bells when FADRA JOAN CRAMBLETT, Staff Nurse on Psychiatry, married ERWIN J. BROCKMANN, Concordia Seminary Student, who works here as a part-time Orderly. --- It's certainly wonderful to see DEE SCHEER, Executive Assistant in Maternity Hospital, back on the job

again after a two-month absence due to illness.

YUK! YUK!

His wife asked him to copy a radio recipe. He did his best, but got two stations at once. And this is what he wrote down:

"Hands on hips, place one cup flour on your shoulder, raise knees and depress toes; mix thoroughly in one-half cup of milk, repeat sometimes. Inhale quickly one-half teaspoon of baking powder, lower the legs and mash two hardboiled eggs in a sieve; exhale breath naturally and sift in a bowl. Attention! Lie flat on the floor and roll in the whites of two eggs backward and forward until it comes to a boil. In ten minutes remove from fire and rub smartly with a rough towel. Breathe naturally, dress in warm flannels and serve with tomato soup."

"Where did I come from, Mama?" "The stork brought you." "And did the stork bring you, too, Mama?" "Yes, dear," "And Grandma?" "Yes." So the little girl wrote on her composition paper: "There hasn't been a natural birth in our family for three generations."

Jack: "Who spilled the mustard this waffle, dear?"

Wife: "Oh, Jack, how could you? This is lemon pie!"

"Mother", said little Mary, with just a shade of apprehension in her voice, "the problem you helped me with last night was all wrong. But," she added consolingly, "don't feel bad; none of the other mothers got it right, either."